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Westside Salmon Announcement 10 Emergency Order 10

This is the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham with an announcement regarding commercial fishing in the Nushagak District. This is Westside salmon announcement number 10 issued Monday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m.

As previously announced, commercial fishing in the Igushik Section of the Nushagak District with set gillnets only will close at 5:00 p.m. June 25. The Igushik Section will reopen to commercial fishing with set gillnets only for 12 hours from 5:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. June 26.

Daily sockeye salmon escapement into the Wood River was 8,202 and the count at 6:00 a.m. is 11,268 making the cumulative 33,474. Daily king salmon escapement into the Nushagak River was 1,617 making the cumulative 15,796. Daily sockeye salmon escapement into the Nushagak River was 3,810 making the cumulative 21,533 through June 24.

The escapement into the Wood River is increasing but it is still below the threshold we need to consider a commercial opening. The earliest possible opening for the drift gillnet fleet is Tuesday, June 26, at noon. The set gillnet fleet should standby at regular announcement times. The earliest possible opening for set gillnets is 5:30 a.m. June 26. Department staff need to continue to assess the escapement before a decision can be made about set gillnet fishing time.

This has been the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dillingham.